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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, PINS, ID
SUBJECT: EAST TIMOR

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1. OV-10S ARE USED IN INDONESIAN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST
FRETILIN. ARMAMENT EMPLOYED HAS THUS FAR BEEN LIMITED TO MACHINE
GUNS, ROCKETS AND PERHAPS BOMBS.

2. WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO REPORTS THAT INDONESIANS HAVE USED CHEMI-
CAL SPRAYS ON CROPS IN AREAS UNDER FRETILIN CONTROL. IN ANY
EVENT, IT APPEARS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT OV-10 WOULD BE USED FOR
THIS PURPOSE. ACCORDING TO MISSION PERSONNEL WITH EXPERIENCE
IN AERIAL SPRAYING, OV-10 WOULD, FOR THIS MISSION, REQUIRE EX-
TENSIVE MODIFICATION, WHICH COULD NOT ESCAPE NOTICE OF U.S.
TECHREPS HERE. EVEN AFTER SUCH MODIFICATION, IT WOULD REMAIN
BASICALLY UNSUITABLE FOR SPRAYING. (DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CON-
FIRM THESE TECHNICAL ASPECTS FURTHER WITH WASHINGTON EXPERTS.)
U.S. TECHREPS AND AIR FORCE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO OV-10 HOME
BASE IN CENTRAL JAVA, WHO SEE AIRCRAFT DURING PERIODIC
INSPECTIONS, HAVE NOTED NO EVIDENCE OF THEIR BEING
USED FOR SPRAYING. AMBASSADOR IS SEEKING APPOINTMENT
WITH DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT FOR INTELLIGENCE MAJOR
GENERAL MURDANI TO DISCUSS TIMOR SITUATION AND WILL RE-
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